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I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM II).

The members of the Security Council will recall that by its resolution 804 (1993) of 29 January 1993, the Security Council decided to extend the mandate of UNAVEM II for a period of three months until 30 April 1993, with the proviso that, as a provisional measure based on security considerations, the Secretary-General was authorized to concentrate UNAVEM II deployment in Luanda, and at his discretion in other provincial locations, with the levels of equipment and personnel he deemed appropriate to be retained in order to allow the subsequent expeditious redeployment of UNAVEM II as soon as that became feasible, with a view to the resumption of its functions in accordance with the "Acordos de Paz" and previous resolutions on this matter.

As members of the Council are well aware, the Government of Angola and UNITA resumed peace talks in Abidjan on 12 April under United Nations auspices and the chairmanship of my Special Representative. In addition to arrangements for a cease-fire, completion of the Bicesse Accords and national reconciliation, the future role of the United Nations in Angola is also one of the items of the agenda of the talks in Abidjan. The talks are continuing and are expected to last beyond 30 April 1993.

In these circumstances, I would recommend that the Security Council extend the existing mandate of UNAVEM II for an interim period of 31 days, that is until 31 May 1993. I hope that at the conclusion of the talks in Abidjan, I shall be in a better position to make appropriate recommendations on the future mandate and strength of UNAVEM II. The current strength of UNAVEM II consists of 75 military observers, 30 police officers and 49 international civilian staff, 12 paramedics and 70 local staff, and corresponds roughly to the option contained in paragraph 30 (b) of my report to the Security Council (S/25140).

I should be grateful if you could bring the contents of this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI

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